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ABSTRACT

**ORTHO-SUBSTITUTED BENZOIC ACID DERIVATIVES
FOR THE TREATMENT OF INSULIN RESISTANCE**

The present invention provides a compound of formula (I), wherein n is 0, 1 or 2; R¹ represents halo, a C₁₋₄alkyl group which is optionally substituted by one or more fluoro, a C₁₋₄alkoxy group which is optionally substituted by one or more fluoro and wherein when n is 2 the substituents R¹ may be the same or different; R² represents an unbranched C₂₋₇alkyl group; R³ represents H or OCH₃; and W represents O or S and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and prodrugs thereof, to processes for preparing such compounds, to their utility in treating clinical conditions associated with insulin resistance, to methods for their therapeutic use and to pharmaceutical compositions containing them.